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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AFFINITY AND ABC CHARTERS

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1. WE DREW A COMPLETE BLANK WITH ABRAHAM IN SEEKING ELICIT INFO REQUESTED REFTEL. INDEED, HE REACTED WITH SOME INDIGNATION OVER THAT HE ALLEGED WAS PRESUMPTION OF US IN SEEKING DELVE INTO MATTERS "STILL UNDER DISCUSSION" WITHIN ECAC. WE POINTED OUT THAT OUR INQUIRY WAS DIRECTED TO HIM AS GOF OFFICIAL ON MATTERS OF GOF POLICY AND NOT IN HIS ECAC CAPACITY, BUT HIS HAD NO EFFECT ON HIS ATTITUDE.

2. HE SIMILARLY RESPONDED WITH "NO COMMENT" WHEN WE ASKED IF AND HOW GOF WOULD MAKE KNOWN WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD TO BE ITS POSITION ON FRENCH-ORIGIN AFFINITY CHARTERS TO US. (COMMENT: PANAM REP HAD TOLD US HE HAD HAD MOST UNSATISFACTORY DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT LATE LAST WEEK WITH ABRAHAM, WHO WAS UNWILLING CONFIRM GOF DECISION OR OTHERWISE INDICATE WHEN CARRIERS MIGHT EXPECT TO BE ENLIGHTENED ON GOF INTENTIONS. IN REFUSING HE PINNED DOWN ABRAHAM HAD ALLUDED TO "NEGOTIATIONS" WITH US, WHICH WE INTERPRET AS REFERENCE TO NOVEMBER CHARTER TALKS WITH ECAC WHICH IN TURN SUGGESTS THAT ABRAHAM

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CONSIDERS GOF THREAT TERMINATE FRENCH-ORIGIN AFFINITY

AT END THIS YEAR MIGHT INDEED GIVE GOF SOME LEVERAGE WITH US.)

3. PANAM AS WELL AS SUPPLEMENTALS CONSIDER THAT TERMINATION OF FRENCH-ORIGIN AFFINITY CHARTERS WILL SIMPLY RESULT IN DIVERSION OF THIS TRAFFIC TO BRUSSELS. PANAM, WHICH CLAIMS TO BE FAIRLY HEAVILY ENGAGED IN FRENCH-ORIGIN CHARTER TRAFFIC, ASSERTS THAT BRUSSELS ORIGIN WOULD POSE NO PROBLEMS. TIA REP WOULD WELCOME TRANSFER OF FRENCH FLIGHTS TO BRUSSELS ON GROUNDS BELGIUM AUTHORITIES ARE MORE LENIENT IN INTERPRETING CHARTERWORTHINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES ARE FAR SIMPLER THAN IN FRANCE. ONLY CAPITOL AIRWAYS REP FEARS LOSS OF BUSINESS IN BELIEF MANY FRENCH WILL NOT ACCEPT INCONVENIENCE OF DETOUR TO AND FROM BRUSSELS, BUT OTHER US CARRIERS ARE CONFIDENT MORE FRENCH WILL FLY FROM BRUSSELS "IF PRICE IS RIGHT." IN SHORT, CARRIERS FEEL NET LOSER FROM GOF TERMINATION AFFINITY FLIGHTS WOULD BE FRANCE BECAUSE OF LOSS OF AIRPORT REVENUE, ETC. IRWIN

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